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OF THE

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OF THE

GENERAL HOSPITAL SOCIETY

OF

CONNECTICUT,

FOR THE YEAR 1879.

Presented at the Annual Meeting, January 29, 1880.

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1880.

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1880.

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* Time expired January 1, 1880.

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 S. H. MOSELEY, from January 13, 1878.
 JOHN B. CARRINGTON, from January 13, 1878.
 Mrs. JOSEPHINE H. PORTER, from January 13, 1878.

* Deceased.

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 THEODOSIA D. WHEELER, from January 13, 1878.
 ISAAC ANDERSON, from January 13, 1878.
 MARTHA P. HOTCHKISS, from January 13, 1878.
 JAMES M. HOPPIN, from January 13, 1878.
 HENRY C. KINGSLEY, from January 13, 1878.
 WILLIAM GALE, from January 30, 1880.
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 WALLACE B. FENN, January 30, 1880.

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A donation of \$5,000 entitles the donor, his heirs and assigns, to nominate patients to a free bed, in perpetuity.

A donation of \$2,500 entitles the donor to nominate patients to a free bed, in perpetuity, *for six months in each year*, or to nominate patients to a free bed during the life of the donor.

A donation of \$1,000 entitles the donor to nominate patients to a free bed for any three months in each year during his life.

FREE BED FUND.

1874—HENRY FARNAM,	\$5,000
1874—WM. FITCH,	5,000
1874—JAMES E. ENGLISH,	5,000
1878—ELLEN M. GIFFORD,	5,000

PERMANENT FUND.

1877—IRENE LARNED,	\$5,000
1878—NELSON A. HOTCHKISS,	5,000

REPORT OF THE DIRECTORS.

The Directors of the General Hospital Society of Connecticut respectfully present to the Society their fifty-third Annual Report as prepared by the Prudential Committee and adopted by the Directors.

Soon after the last annual meeting of the Society, Mr. H. E. Mosely resigned his office as superintendent and Mr. J. H. Starkweather was employed to fill the place thus vacated. The Prudential Committee are pleased to testify their belief that he is discharging the duties of his office with fidelity to the Society and with kindness and courtesy to those with whom, as the representative of the Directors, he has intercourse. Simultaneously with the change of superintendents, a new housekeeper was employed.

The food bills for the year are less than those of the preceding year by \$2,853.92. This diminution of housekeeping expenses is largely owing to the close and constant supervision which Miss Gleason, the housekeeper, has given to the culinary department. Something is due, however, to the action of the Directors and the coöperation of the Medical Board with them in preventing waste by the excessive use of special diet and of unnecessarily expensive articles of special diet. Something should be allowed also for the state of the provision market, prices having ruled lower than during the preceding year, and lower than at the present time.

The hope was expressed in the last annual report that the expenditures of the year which has now come to an end could be brought down or nearly down to the amount of income. The Prudential Committee regret that the hope has not been realized. The excess of expenditure over income is not quite so great as in the preceding year. Then it was \$3,800, this year it is about \$3,000. Of this deficit \$1,031.02 was occasioned by the fire, which occurred on the fifteenth day of October. The insurance recovered was \$2,200; the repairs and improvements in the part of the building which was damaged have cost \$3,231.02. The damage might perhaps have been made good by the expenditure of \$2,200 or a little more; but it was thought best in restoring the building to secure some useful accommodations in a portion of the edifice

which before had served only for architectural effect. The roof of the central part of the original hospital edifice having been entirely consumed, the new roof contains more and larger skylights; and by cutting windows in the side walls seven apartments have been secured in the upper story instead of three as before. These are all furnished with gas and steam heat. Warm and cold water is conveyed to the hall into which they open. The accommodations for clinical instruction have been very much improved, and a new stairway of easy ascent from the second to the third story has been built. It is believed that these improvements are worth much more than they have cost, and that they have been wisely made.

The contributions of Hospital Sunday in 1879, amounting to \$2,186.52, reduced the deficit with which we began that year to about \$1,650. This debt we have carried through the year. The deficit of 1879, added to the debt thus carried over from 1878, and the interest we have paid, makes a debt of \$4,750. The contributions of Hospital Sunday in 1880 have not yet been fully paid in, but are known to exceed \$3,400. If the donations of the year should amount to \$3,600, as there is reason to hope they will, the debt which we must carry through the coming year will be considerably less than we carried during the preceding year. Among the donations of Hospital Sunday week was one of \$1,000 from Mrs. Sarah S. Whitney, given expressly for current expenses. The Directors have great pleasure in acknowledging with thanks this munificent gift.

Another donation deserves special mention. The South American friends of Mr. S. J. Legaspi, of Valparaiso, Chili, who died in the hospital on the 14th day of October last, sent \$100 to the physicians who attended him, and, they feeling that under the rules of the hospital they could not accept the gift for themselves, handed it to the treasurer. The gift not only honors those who sent it, but illustrates the liberality of the medical gentlemen who freely give their services to the hospital.

Mr. Nelson Hotchkiss, who has recently departed this life, felt a deep interest in the hospital, giving it much of his time and thought, especially when the new building was erected. By the provisions of his will this society will, at some future time, come into possession of a sum of money

estimated, as we are informed, at not far from four or five thousand dollars.

The free beds, which are four in number since the establishment of that mentioned in the last annual report as endowed by the munificence of Mrs. Gifford, enable us to entertain that number of patients gratuitously. The Directors would be glad to have the number of free beds increased. Could a person who has \$5,000 to give in charity do a better deed than to endow a free bed in the hospital and invest some church or charitable society like the United Workers with the nomination of patients to occupy it? Could a bereaved family establish a more satisfactory memorial of a departed parent or child than a free bed in the hospital perpetuating the beloved name?

The whole number of patients during the year is 407; of whom 71 were in the hospital Dec. 31, 1878, and 336 were afterwards received. The aggregate time spent in the hospital by these patients is $3,526\frac{1}{4}$ weeks, or 24,683 days. The daily average, therefore, $67\frac{2}{3}\frac{2}{6}\frac{8}{6}$. They came from 56 towns and villages. Two hundred and twenty-two of them received the benefit of the State appropriation, the amount received for each of them from other sources being less than six dollars per week. The aggregate time during which those who partook of this charity received treatment amounts to 2,671 weeks. The State appropriation being \$5,000, affords \$1.87 for each of these weeks. In a few instances we have received no other compensation; but usually something additional is received from some other source. Towns pay \$4 per week for each patient they send; the State pays \$4.50 per week, and those patients who are able to pay something but not able to pay \$6 are admitted on such terms as seem to the Prudential Committee to be equitable.

All the branches of the Hospital League mentioned in the last annual report have increased their funds during the year. Hundreds of workingmen thus secure by the payment of one dime per month the right of admission to the hospital in case of sickness or accident. The Directors would be glad to have branches of the League established in every factory, and the Prudential Committee will cheerfully explain the plan to employees and to committees of workingmen who wish in some way to provide beforehand for sickness and

accident. The aggregate sum deposited by the League now amounts to \$358.20.

The Training School for Nurses finding the number of nurses allowed insufficient for the work required, asked in October that the number of pupil nurses might be increased from eleven to fourteen, and the Prudential Committee acceded to the request. We cannot too highly commend the school for the quality of the work done within the hospital, and we hear from those who have employed graduates of the institution that they regard a trained nurse as an indispensable aid in the care of the sick.*

We should do injustice to the nurses and to the physicians residing in the Hospital, did we not commend the coolness and self-possession displayed by them during the conflagration in October. Scores of helpless people, confiding in their attendants, remained in their beds while from all quarters the noise of engines was heard, and from a distant part of the building in which they lay, a column of flame and great clouds of smoke were ascending to heaven. For the quiet of that exciting hour we are indebted to the good conduct of those who were in attendance.

As in former years the Directors have occasion to thank the friends of the hospital for many and manifold favors. Several contributions were received for the festive celebration of Thanksgiving, and Mr. Henry Farnam generously provided for Christmas. The contributions of Hospital Sunday enabled us to close the account of the year with less debt than at the beginning. The proprietors of the daily papers have not only admitted into their columns our appeals for aid, but in most cases have sent their daily issues to the hospital without money and without price. Clergymen and students of theology have conducted religious services. The Board of Visitors have constantly inspected the premises and have either reported that all was satisfactory, or called attention to what needed correction.

Respectfully submitted,

EDWARD E. ATWATER,	}	<i>Prudential Committee.</i>
W. L. BRADLEY,		
WILLIAM GALE,		

* See Appendix.

MEDICAL STATISTICS.

MEDICAL CASES FROM JAN. 1, 1879, TO JAN. 1, 1880.

Abortion,	1	Masturbation,	1
Alcoholism,	22	Nephritis,	4
Anaemia,	5	Neuralgia,	5
Angina Pectoris,	2	Nihil,	7
Apoplexy,	2	Opium Habit,	1
Asthma,	2	Ovaritis,	1
Bile duct obstructed,	1	Oxaluria,	2
Brain, tumor,	1	Paralysis, partial,	1
Bright's Disease, chronic,	1	" general,	2
Bronchitis,	4	" agitans,	1
Cellulitis pelvic,	1	Paraplegia,	4
Cerebro-spinal meningitis,	1	Pericarditis,	1
Colic,	1	Peritonitis,	1
" pictonum,	3	Pharyngitis,	2
Constipation,	1	Phthisis,	23
Debility,	3	Pleuritis,	3
Diabetes mellitus,	1	Pneumonia,	3
Diarrhœa,	4	Poisoning, lead,	4
Dysentery,	1	" corros. sub.,	1
Dyspepsia,	1	Pyrosis,	1
Epilepsy,	2	Pregnancy,	10
Fever, intermittent,	17	Rheumatism, acute,	4
" typhoid,	4	" chronic,	13
Gastritis,	1	Senility,	4
Gout, rheumatic, etc.,	3	Uterus, Diseases of—	
Heart, aortic regurgitation,	2	Anteflexion,	1
Hemiplegia,	6	Endometritis,	1
Hysteria,	4	Metritis,	1
Inanition,	1	Prolapsus,	2
Incontinence of urine,	2	Retroversion,	1
Laryngitis, chronic,	2	Vaccinia,	1
Locomotor ataxia,	1		
Lumbago,	1	Total,	113
Malaria, chronic,	1		

SURGICAL CASES FROM JAN. 1, 1879, TO JAN. 1, 1880.

Abscess, breast,	1	Fracture, femur,	4
“ groin,	2	“ femur, comminuted,	1
“ ischio-rectal,	2	“ “ int. cap.,	1
“ lumbar,	1	“ patella,	2
“ neck,	1	“ legs (both),	3
Aneurism aorta, arch,	1	“ “ compound,	1
“ “ abdominal,	1	“ tibia,	2
Anchylosis knee joint,	3	“ “ ununited,	1
Arthritis, rheumatic,	2	“ fibula,	2
“ strumous,	2	“ “ Pott's,	1
Bed-sores,	1	Gangrene senilis,	1
Bubo,	2	Gonorrhœa,	3
Burn,	1	Granular lids,	2
Calculus vesical,	2	Hemorrhoids,	3
Cancer, breast,	2	Hernia,	4
“ uterus,	1	Hydrarthrosis,	1
Caries, radius,	1	Hydrocele,	1
“ rib,	1	Injury, head,	1
Cataract, single,	3	“ eye,	1
“ double,	3	“ chest,	2
Chancroids,	5	“ hand,	1
Choroiditis,	2	“ thigh,	1
Cicatricial adhesion,	1	“ leg,	1
Cornea, opaca,	2	Laceration cervix uteri,	1
“ lead deposit,	1	Neorosis tibia,	1
Coxae morbus,	9	Optic nerve atrophy,	3
Cystitis,	1	Ophthalmia, gonorrhœal,	1
Dislocation vertebra,	1	“ strumous,	1
“ clavicle,	1	Otorrhœa,	1
Eczema capitis,	1	Orchitis,	3
“ rubrum,	3	Periostitis,	3
Elephantiasis,	3	Pott's disease,	2
Entropion,	1	Prolapsus rectum,	2
Epididymitis,	2	Prostatitis,	3
Epithelioma, face,	2	Prostate hypertrophy,	1
“ uterus,	1	Phymosis,	1
Erysipelas,	2	Retina apoplexy,	1
Eye, sympathetic irritation,	1	Rupture perineum,	2
Fever, urethral,	1	Sarcocele,	1
Fistula, perineal,	2	Scald,	1
“ urethral,	1	Stricture urethra,	7
Fracture, skull,	2	Synechia post,	1
“ sub. max. inf.,	1	Synovitis, knee joint,	2
“ arm,	2	Syphilis, secondary,	4
“ ribs,	1	“ tertiary,	9

Torticollis,	1	Wound, finger,	2
Tumor, cystic,	2	" hand,	1
" adipose,	2	" shoulder,	1
" ovarian,	3	" urethra,	1
" buttock,	1	" gunshot,	3
Ulcer, leg,	2		—
" varicose,	5	Total,	198
" indolent,	2		

OPERATIONS.

Amputation of fingers,	2	For prolapsus rectum,	3
" thigh,	1	Iridectomy,	5
" leg,	1	Laryngotomy,	1
Circumcision,	2	Lithotomy,	2
Enucleation of eye,	1	Ovariectomy (both recovered),	2
Exsection hip joint,	1	Plastic operation for burn,	1
" elbow,	1	Removal lipoma,	1
For removal crystalline lens,	4	" cystic tumor,	1
" " opacities cornea,	2	" sarcocoele,	1
" entropion,	1	Urethrotomy, internal,	1
" caries of ribs,	2	" external,	2
" scirrhus of breast,	2		—
" ruptured perineum,	5	Total,	50
" lacerated cervix uteri,	2		

NUMBER OF BIRTHS.

In January,	1	In October,	1
In May,	1	In November,	2
In July,	1		—
In September,	2	Total,	8

CAUSES OF DEATH.

Abscess of Kidneys,	1	Fracture femur and senility,	1
" appendix vermiformis,	1	Meningitis chronic,	2
Anaemia,	1	Myelitis,	1
Apoplexy,	1	Phthisis,	4
Bed-sores and Senility,	1	Pneumonia,	2
Bright's Disease,	2	Poisoning, corros. sub.,	1
Cancer of Stomach,	1	Pleurisy,	2
Caries of Spine,	1	Railroad injury,	2
Cerebro-spinal meningitis,	1	Tuberculis, acute,	1
Concussion of Brain,	1	Softening of brain,	1
Convulsions uraemic,	1	Typhoid Fever,	1
Epithelioma,	1		—
Erysipelas facial,	1	Total,	31

REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT.

NEW HAVEN, January 16, 1880.

To the Prudential Committee of the General Hospital Society of Connecticut :

GENTLEMEN—I herewith respectfully submit the fifty-third annual report of the receipts and disbursements, number of patients in the Hospital, and other items of information.

The number of patients remaining in the Hospital Dec. 31, 1878, was 71—52 males, 19 females; admitted during the year 1879, 336—245 males, 91 females, making a total of 407 under treatment—297 males, 110 females. Of this number, 167 recovered, 118 males, and 49 females. 103 were discharged improved, 25 unimproved. 31 have died, and 81 remain under treatment.

There have been 8 births; 4 males, and 4 females.

The whole number of weeks occupied was 3,526 $\frac{1}{4}$, of which 2,671 weeks were occupied by charity patients. These patients came from 56 different towns and villages. The greatest number of patients any one day was 88, and the lowest, 47, the daily average being 67 $\frac{5}{8}$. The attendants and other inmates of the house have averaged 42 $\frac{3}{8}$, making a total of 110 $\frac{3}{8}$.

SUPERINTENDENT'S ACCOUNT.

THE SUPERINTENDENT, in account with GENERAL HOSPITAL SOCIETY.

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1879. To amount received :

Balance from old account, Jan. 15, 1879,	\$37.23
Self-paying patients,	4,796.92
Various towns for board of patients,	6,071.15
United States, "	1,244.50
State of Connecticut, "	4,203.26
State appropriation,	5,000.00
Hospital League,	153.40
Board of extra nurses,	68.45
Sundries,	928.87
Fire Insurance,	2,200.00
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	\$24,703.78
Orders on Treasurer,	26,314.97
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	\$51,018.75

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1879. By amounts paid for :

Salaries and wages,	\$5,946.92
Flour, bread, cake, pies, crackers and rice,	1,168.70
Butter and cheese,	965.27
Meat, fowl and fish,	4,358.84
Fruit and vegetables,	678.83
Groceries and eggs,	1,672.91
Milk,	1,464.81
Liquors, medicines and instruments,	2,378.29
Fuel, gas, water and ice,	3,076.72
Furniture, clothing, bedding and crockery,	936.76
Repairs and improvements,	2,094.39
Printing, stationery and postage,	396.88
Barn expenses, tools and live stock,	222.48
Insurance,	55.88
Soap and potash,	239.69
Sundries,	246.60
Total current expenses,	\$25,903.37
Fire expenses,	3,231.02
Refunded to patients,	425.08
Sundries charged to patients and refunded,	77.60
Deposited with Treasurer,	21,158.24
Balance on hand, Jan. 16, 1880,	223.44
	<u>\$51,018.75</u>

Hospital expenses in full,	25,903.37
Less board of Superintendent's family and supernumerary nurses,	627.34
	<u>\$25,276.03</u>

Number of weeks of Hospital care, 3,526 $\frac{1}{2}$.

Cost per week per patient,	\$7.16 $\frac{3}{4}$
Total cost of food,	10,309.36
Average number of inmates, 110 $\frac{3}{8}$ \times 365.	
Cost of food per day per inmate,	25 $\frac{1}{2}$ c.

GENERAL STATISTICS.

	Males.	Females.	Total.
Remaining in Hospital, Dec. 31, 1878,	52	19	71
Admitted during the year 1879.	245	91	336
Total,	297	110	407
Of this number there have been discharged—			
Cured,	118	49	167
Improved,	75	28	103
Unimproved,	18	7	25
Died,	25	6	31
	236	90	326
Remaining under treatment Dec. 31, 1879,	61	20	81
	<u>297</u>	<u>110</u>	<u>407</u>

MONTHLY ADMISSIONS FROM JAN. 1, 1879, TO DEC. 31, 1879.

	Males.	Females.	Total.
January,	24	9	33
February,	13	5	18
March,	15	8	23
April,	18	4	22
May,	19	4	23
June,	19	7	26
July,	33	7	40
August,	14	7	21
September,	25	12	37
October,	26	12	38
November,	16	7	23
December,	24	8	32
Total,	246	90	336

NATIVITY OF PATIENTS ADMITTED.

United States,	172	Denmark,	2
Ireland,	100	Finland,	3
Germany,	27	France,	4
England,	13	Chili,	1
Scotland,	3	Spain,	1
Sweden,	2	Austria,	1
Norway,	3	Nova Scotia,	1
Switzerland,	1		
Italy,	1		336
Wales,	1		

AGE AT TIME OF ADMISSION.

	Males.	Females.	Total.
Under 15 years,	15	10	25
From 15 to 20 years,	24	14	38
“ 20 to 30 “	64	24	88
“ 30 to 40 “	56	15	71
“ 40 to 50 “	43	8	51
“ 50 to 60 “	28	9	37
“ 60 to 70 “	10	6	16
“ 70 to 80 “	4	3	7
“ 80 to 90 “	1	2	3
Total,	245	91	336

OCCUPATION.

Agents,-----	4	Doctor,-----	1	Nurse,-----	1
Butchers,-----	4	Dress makers,-----	2	Overseer,-----	1
Britannia worker,---	1	Engineers,-----	3	Ornamenter,-----	1
Baker,-----	1	Farmers,-----	17	Painters,-----	8
Barbers,-----	2	Fireman,-----	1	Pedlar,-----	1
Blacksmiths,-----	4	Grinders,-----	3	Porters,-----	2
Brass workers,-----	3	Gunsmith,-----	1	Polishers,-----	3
Bookkeepers,-----	3	Hatter,-----	1	Plumber,-----	1
Bar tender,-----	1	Hostlers,-----	2	Rubber worker,----	2
B'dg house keeper,--	1	Housekeepers,-----	18	Seamen,-----	44
Carpenters,-----	7	Helpers,-----	2	Servants,-----	12
Cutler,-----	1	Leather dresser,---	1	Shoemakers,-----	4
Corset stitcher,---	1	Laborers,-----	24	Solderer,-----	1
Corset maker,-----	1	Machinists,-----	7	Students,-----	5
Car builder,-----	1	Masons,-----	3	Stone cutters,-----	3
Clock maker,-----	1	Manufacturer,-----	1	Tailors,-----	2
Cigar makers,-----	3	Merchants,-----	3	Varnisher,-----	1
Clerks,-----	6	Molders,-----	2	Washer,-----	1
Cooks,-----	2	Marine officer,-----	1	Weavers,-----	3

REPRESENTATION OF TOWNS AND VILLAGES OF CONNECTICUT
IN THE HOSPITAL DURING THE YEAR
ENDING DEC. 31, 1879.

Ansonia,-----	8	Montville,-----	1	Redding,-----	1
Beacon Falls,-----	2	Meriden,-----	16	Roxbury,-----	1
Branford,-----	4	Milford,-----	4	Seymour,-----	3
Bridgeport,-----	8	Middlebury,-----	1	Stratford,-----	1
Birmingham,-----	4	Middletown,-----	4	Southbury,-----	1
Bristol,-----	1	North Guilford,---	1	Stamford,-----	2
Cheshire,-----	1	North Branford,---	2	South Norwalk,---	1
Collinsville,-----	3	Norwalk,-----	4	Union City,-----	1
Danbury,-----	2	Newtown,-----	1	Warehouse Point,--	1
Derby,-----	3	New Britain,-----	2	Winsted,-----	6
Deep River,-----	1	New Haven,-----	231	Wolcott,-----	1
East Haven,-----	1	Northford,-----	1	Westport,-----	1
Guilford,-----	1	Naugatuck,-----	1	Wallingford,-----	4
Hebron,-----	4	Norwich,-----	2	Warren,-----	1
Harwinton,-----	1	North Haven,-----	2	Waterbury,-----	9
Huntington,-----	1	New London,-----	1	Wolcottville,-----	1
Hartford,-----	1	Orange,-----	1	Woodbury,-----	1
Hamden,-----	4	Old Lyme,-----	1	Watertown,-----	2
Madison,-----	5	Plymouth,-----	1		

STATEMENT OF DONATIONS RECEIVED AT THE HOSPITAL
FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1879.

- Hachi-no-su, two packages under-clothing for children and adults.
 Hachi-no-su, two packages under-clothing.
 Hachi-no-su, bundle of women's underclothing.
 Hachi-no-su, one dozen men and women's under-clothing.
 Mr. Tredwell Ketcham, one basket oranges.
 Hachi-no-su, infants' dresses, and children's new under-garments.
 Miss Elliott, bundle old linen and cotton.
 Unknown, package under-garments and old linen.
 Miss Woolsey, old linen, two flannel dressing-gowns, four flannel sacques.
 Mrs. Charles H. Farnam, package children's clothing.
 Mrs. E. E. Atwater, basket of flowers.
 Mrs. Everit, basket of flowers.
 Bethany Sunday School, basket of bouquets.
 Church of the Messiah, floral cross.
 Decoration Day Committee, large floral ornament.
 Mrs. Francis Bacon, four dozen palm leaf fans.
 Mrs. Everit, flowers, weekly.
 Miss Bunnell, old linen, etc.
 Mrs. Ketcham, basket of peaches.
 Mrs. Everit, basket of pears.
 Mrs. Everit, flowers.
 Several friends, flowers weekly.
 Several friends, floral cross.
 Mrs. Everit, half bushel of pears.
 Mrs. Enos Kimberly, one dressing-gown, two pairs slippers, old linen, flowers.
 Mrs. E. C. Read, basket of pears and apples.
 Mrs. Everit, basket of flowers.
 Mrs. Franklin S. Bradley, large bundle of under-clothing and linen garments, nine pairs stockings.
 Levi C. Gilbert, bundle of old cotton and garments.
 Mrs. Reed, old linen and cotton.
 Mrs. Bartlett, old linen and cotton.
 Mrs. Crittenden, old linen and cotton.
 Miss Josie Newton, two boxes blocks and dishes.
 Mrs. Hotchkiss, bundle of old cotton.
 Unknown, four pairs men's drawers, two shirts, one dressing-gown, two linen vests, and old linen.
 Miss North, large bundle under-clothes and linen.
 Unknown, bundle of linen and cotton under-clothes.
 Miss Smith Merwin, bundle of linen.
 Mrs. Philander Miller, three shirts, one pair drawers, linen pieces.
 Mrs. Wm. Goodwin, one woman's wrapper.

- Mrs. Richards, old linen.
 Miss Bradley, old cotton.
 Mrs. Samuel H. Crane, four night-shirts.
 Ladies of St. James Church, Westville, sixty button-hole bouquets.
 Mrs. Dr. Alling, three pairs stockings, one night-gown, four shirts, one night-shirt, seven collars.
 Unknown, bundle of linen.
 Miss Morris, bundle of linen.
 Mrs. Mitchell, four night-shirts, stockings, drawers, neck ties, two suits flannel under-garments.
 Dr. Chapman, a number of books and magazines, Littell's Living Age.
 Wallingford, bundle of old cotton.
 Henry B. Harrison, old cotton, linen, cotton and woolen under-garments.
 Unknown, four shirts, two under-shirts, three pair drawers.
 35 Vernon street, six shirts.
 A. L. Kidston, one pair pantaloons, two pairs drawers.
 Mrs. Bacon, one under-shirt, two night-shirts, two shirts, old linen, etc.
 Mrs. Chatfield, one pair pantaloons, one shirt, four under-garments.
 Nelson Hall, magazines.
 Judge Betts, papers and magazines.
 John T. Brown, Norwich, one camp chair.
 Dr. Carmalt, one hand atomizer.
 Mrs. Samuel Miller, papers.
 Mrs. Henry Farnam, six sheets and six pillow cases.
 Mrs. Charles Wilson, papers.
 Mrs. Henry Lines, magazines.
 Rev. J. W. Denton, papers.
 Mrs. E. M. Canfield, magazines.
 F. C. Gilbert, papers and magazines.
 Unknown, eight shirts.
 H. W. Bently, books and papers.
 Rev. J. W. Denton, magazines and papers.
 Mrs. Samuel Miller, papers and magazines.
 Mrs. J. M. Davies, bundle of papers.
 Miss F. A. Bunnell, large number of books for library.
 Rev. J. W. Denton, papers.
 Mrs. Samuel Miller, papers and magazines.
 Mrs. Cowles, pamphlets.
 James G. Brown, twelve numbers Illustrated History of the War.
 Rev. J. W. Denton, papers and magazines.
 Mrs. Mary W. Nicholson, one dozen tumblers jelly.
 Mr. B. F. Clark, Newburgh, N. Y., illustrated papers.
 Mrs. Samuel Miller, papers and magazines.
 Levi C. Gilbert, bundle old cotton.
 G. O. Cruttenden, half bushel pears and package of clothing.
 Mrs. Nicholson, one large basket pears.
 Marcus Burwell, one turkey.
 Robert Morgan, one hall gas fixture.

For Thanksgiving.

A Friend, one turkey.
 Mrs. Everit, two turkeys.
 Wm. Armstrong, two turkeys.
 Mrs. Thomas Wells, one turkey.
 Mrs. Wm. Fitch, one turkey.
 Mrs. E. Malley, two turkeys.
 Mrs. George Rich, one turkey.
 Tredwell Ketcham, two turkeys.
 Dr. T. H. Bishop, one turkey.
 Dr. E. H. Bishop, one turkey.
 Dr. Bradley, one turkey.
 Mrs. Watkins, one turkey.
 Mrs. Joseph Barker, one turkey.
 S. H. Moseley, two turkeys.
 A Friend, one turkey.
 Mrs. O. F. Winchester, two turkeys.
 Brownson & Plumb, one turkey.
 Mrs. Cowles, one turkey.
 Mrs. Prof. Whitney, two pounds grapes, one dozen oranges.
 H. T. Blake, cash, \$5.00.
 Rev. C. H. Williams, cash, \$2.00.

For Christmas.

Henry Farnam, cash, \$50.00 to be devoted to the patients' comfort and pleasure.
 Mrs. Henry L. Hotchkiss, for Stuart Hotchkiss, box of toys.
 Miss. Rose Porter, Christmas cards.
 Miss Talbot, Stratford, Christmas cards.
 Mrs. J. H. Latham, Christmas cards and fruit.
 Miss Ingersoll, five pairs stockings, filled.

HOSPITAL SUNDAY CONTRIBUTIONS, 1879.

IN CHURCHES.

Center, Congregational,	\$445.28
North, "	136.10
Third, "	42.57
Ch. of the Redeemer, Congregational,	82.00
Davenport, Congregational,	53.00
Dwight Place, "	14.71
East, "	40.00
Howard Ave., "	30.00
Taylor, "	4.00
First, Fair Haven, "	24.00
First, Derby, "	15.50
Northford, "	2.60
First Baptist,	59.35
Calvary, "	79.00
Trinity, Lutheran,	6.26
Trinity, Protestant Episcopal,	671.45
St. Paul's, " "	87.51
St. Thomas, " "	35.76
Christ, " "	5.53
St. John's, " "	23.14
Ch. of the Ascension, Protestant Episcopal,	15.00
Trinity Chapel, " "	7.66
Grace, Fair Haven, " "	8.00
St. James, Fair Haven, " "	13.59
First Methodist,	59.12
George Street, Methodist,	8.39
Wesley Chapel, "	19.00
Ch. of the Sacred Heart, Catholic,	35.00
St. John's, Catholic,	28.00

BY INDIVIDUALS.

Prof. Salisbury,	\$ 25.00
Prof. Dexter,	10.00
Henry O. Hotchkiss,	100.00
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Total contributions,	\$2,186.52

TREASURER'S ACCOUNT.

1879.

DR.

Jan. 1. To cash on hand, as reported, ----- \$2,534.23

RECEIPTS IN 1879.

Deposited by Superintendent,-----	\$20,854.13
Hospital Sunday Collections,-----	2,186.52
Other Donations for current expenses,-----	165.00
Interest, -----	1,475.00
Borrowed,-----	4,000.00
	\$31,214.88

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Paid Orders of Prudential Committee,-----	\$23,638.36
Loan to Town of New Haven (N. A. Hotchkiss Fund),-----	5,000.00
Interest on money borrowed for current expenses,-----	109.72
Cash on hand Jan. 1, 1880,-----	2,466.80
	\$31,214.88

The Funds of the Society amount to \$30,000, and are invested

In Mortgage Notes, -----	\$ 5,000
Note of Town of New Haven,-----	15,000
“ “ “ -----	5,000
Four Bonds of City of New Haven which cost -----	4,100
Uninvested,-----	900
	\$30,000

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF VISITORS.

To the Prudential Committee of the General Hospital Society of Connecticut :

GENTLEMEN :—The Board of Visitors have the honor of presenting to you, and through you to the public, their final report for the current year.

They have made about fifty visits to the Hospital during the year. They have found the objects of the institution conscientiously and intelligently promoted, and have observed valuable improvements by which the conditions of successful treatment are better secured than ever before. Complaints on the part of patients are very rare, and warm commendation is frequent. A striking proof of the confidence inspired by the trained nurses and others in charge was given at the late fire. A helpless cripple said that he was not frightened when the flames were bursting through the roof of the adjoining building, because he knew that he would be taken care of. There has been the utmost readiness to correct defects and no disposition to conceal them. The general condition of the Hospital in these respects is, as it has always been within the knowledge of the present members of the board, worthy of all praise. Their judgment may easily be verified by any persons who choose to visit the institution. Such visits, however, are seldom made, whether because the residents of New Haven and its neighborhood are satisfied with the administration of the hospital, or because they are quite indifferent about the matter. Probably they are fairly well satisfied and a good deal indifferent.

But public apathy with regard to a matter of public interest is a serious, in the present case it is an alarming, evil. The Hospital is a charity of a high class and on a large scale. It is the agent of this community in doing a work which no civilized community can leave undone without disgrace. Its position has been clearly defined from the time when the

Medical Association of New Haven inaugurated the enterprise in 1826. The second article of their preliminary agreement provides that "the Hospital shall be a charitable institution, and that no physician or surgeon shall receive any compensation for his services." These provisions were inserted in the charter and have been fulfilled as far as our physicians could secure their fulfillment. They have not been wholly unseconded. Those who from time to time have assumed the heavy burden of watching over the institution have given money as well as time and thought, often in sums wholly out of proportion to their share of obligation. Just before the new building was occupied seven years ago, the Visitors' report stated that the directors had thus far provided for emergencies by begging, "generally of each other." Another sentence in the same report, addressed to your predecessors in office, bears witness to the absence of active sympathy outside the limits of the Hospital Society: "If ever a great public charity lived along from hand to mouth, it has been the charity whose affairs you administer." The lack, here indirectly referred to, of endowments on an extensive scale, is the standing reproach of New Haven and the other towns which the Hospital serves. That "charitable institution" which the Medical Association supposed themselves to have established has existed chiefly in virtue of the fact that they and their successors have worked for nothing. They would have better secured the fulfillment of the first clause of their provision on the subject had they omitted the second, and exacted full payment for every visit and every operation, placing the money in the Hospital treasury. They might then long ago have endowed it themselves.

By the mutual begging of the directors, however, and the charges made for the board and lodging of the sick poor, with some help, to be cheerfully and gratefully acknowledged, from other quarters, the Hospital has, until lately, been able to keep out of debt. But two years ago the public was shocked by the announcement that an unendowed charity was not paying its own expenses. The excuses offered by the almoners of the public were, nevertheless, indulgently accepted, and principally through the medium of the first Hospital Sunday, their obligations were cancelled. But a second and a third yearly deficit seem to have been almost too much

for the public patience. The second Hospital Sunday yielded far less than the first, and it would appear that but for one large individual gift, the third would have yielded still less, while neither the second nor the third freed the institution from debt. It has been treated somewhat like a reckless spendthrift, who may for once be helped out of his difficulties, but after that must make the best of them. And yet we all know that the Hospital revenue is devoted to the relief of suffering; that upright men are using their best judgment in expending it, and welcome candid criticism; that the gifts of the charitable have not grown with the growing demands upon this charity, and that a deficit is inevitable till they do; and finally, that a yearly debt, with the loss of courage and hopefulness which it causes in those who are presumed to be responsible, threatens us not only with disgrace but with disaster. The first victims would be the most helpless and needy, but our university, which now gives a prominent place in its catalogue to the opportunities afforded by the Hospital to its medical students, would suffer, and the wealthiest of our citizens, who have learned to depend on the Training School and its graduates for services scarcely less valued than those of the family physician, would suffer more. How seriously we are threatened with such a calamity as the closing of the Hospital it is not for the Board of Visitors to say; they have heard it discussed with apparent seriousness. But it certainly is not well that the agents of our charities should be repeatedly tempted to abandon their task: no set of men will go on forever making bricks without straw.

It may be that a better way of securing needed help can be devised than that furnished by a Hospital Sunday. It has, however, had at least the advantage of revealing the depth and extent of the general indifference. Not far from half the congregations of the town made no response this year, while, although about forty towns and villages were represented among the patients in the year 1878, contributions have been received from only four churches outside of New Haven. But this method has been found successful elsewhere, and it has had the approval of the class to whom the appeal is made. A few weeks ago the leading journal of the Protestant Episcopal Church (*The Churchman*) gave a paragraph devoted to the Hospital Saturday and Sunday, then just at hand in

New York, a place at the head of its columns, and expressed the hope that everybody would "on that day feel called on to contribute liberally to that good work." In its last issue the *Churchman* says with respect to hospitals and other enterprises for the general good, "One can not excuse himself from taking part in the organizations to these ends, on the ground that the Church means them all, unless he makes the local church declare its hidden power." Which is much the same as saying that no church should refuse to help a general hospital unless it has a hospital of its own. Some of our poorest congregations, by the way, took part in the recent contribution, and they probably find themselves no poorer.

It will not be supposed that such an appeal to the churches implies that only church-members are benevolent. The records of this Hospital prove the contrary, and there are everywhere, outside even the class of church-goers, those who give gladly and freely for humanity's sake. But it is fair to assume that large-hearted men and women will be found most numerous in religious assemblies. The institution of Hospital Sunday is a tribute to religion, and one offered, in effect, by representatives of physical science, the medical profession. It was hardly to be expected that religion would decline such a tribute from such a source. And while the appeal is not made to Christians alone, but to religious men in the widest sense, it is a fact for Christians to think of that in the present case a contribution three times as large as the average of the rest has come from the Congregation Mishkan Israel.

The Board of Visitors have felt that as, on the one hand, familiar with the condition of the Hospital while not responsible for its management, and as, on the other hand, representing the thousands who are, consciously or otherwise, interested in its welfare and responsible for its support, they could use entire freedom in setting forth the claims of the former and the duties of the latter. They are perfectly sure that those on whose behalf they act are not really indifferent to human suffering. Their tasks of other kinds have given some of them a large acquaintance with the feeling of New Haven people towards the unfortunate, and they know that it often needs less to be stimulated than guided or even checked. It is only necessary in order to

excite active sympathy that a case should be clearly understood. And, in spite of some discouraging experience, they are not yet convinced that in the matter of the Hospital this community is doomed to "invincible ignorance."

Respectfully submitted,

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} *Board of
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New Haven, January 24, 1880.

ADMISSION OF PATIENTS.

1. Applications for the admission of patients should be accompanied by a certificate from some respectable physician, stating the nature and probable duration of the disease, and should be addressed to the Superintendent of the Hospital, New Haven, Conn. In accordance with the regulations of the Hospital, the Superintendent, as the representative of the Prudential Committee, arranges the terms of admission according to the circumstances of the case and the accommodation required.

2. The nursing is performed by the Connecticut Training School for Nurses,

3. The ordinary charge per week for accommodation in the Wards is \$6.00, which includes medical and surgical attendance, together with medicine, nursing and washing.

4. Private rooms are furnished at \$12.00 or more, per week, according to the requirements of the case.

5. Persons partly supported by the towns in which they reside and partly by the State appropriation, are admitted on an order from the town authorities. Town patients are received at \$4.00 per week, the remainder is paid out of the State Appropriation.

6. Soldiers enrolled on the State quota in the late war, and now residents, are admitted as State patients, to receive treatment for wounds or disability contracted in the service.

7. Sailors, whose support is provided for from the marine hospital fund, are admitted on the order of the collector of the Port of New Haven.

8. Persons carried directly to the Hospital from the place of accident are admitted immediately.

9. A written history of the case should be sent with the patient.

10. *Insane persons* and those suffering from *contagious diseases* are not admitted.

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In consideration of the admission of of into the Institution of the "General Hospital Society of Connecticut," at New Haven, I engage to provide, or pay for, a sufficiency of clothing for use, and pay to the Treasurer of said Institution dollars per week for board, medicine and medical attendance; and to cause said patient to be removed when discharged, without expense to said Institution, and, in the event of death, to pay the expense of burial.

Principal.

For value received, I hereby engage to become responsible for the fulfillment of the above stipulations.

Surety.

APPENDIX.

CONNECTICUT TRAINING SCHOOL FOR NURSES.

The Training School for Nurses has been established for six years. At first the number of pupils was limited to six; within two years it was increased to eleven, and these not being sufficient to meet the many demands for special and continuous attention which critical cases required, the Prudential Committee consented last November to provide board and washing for fourteen pupils. These remain in the hospital for one year and pursue their studies and daily routine of work under the superintendence of the head nurse. Instruction is also given by physicians at the bedside of the patients, and by lectures. Each nurse is assigned to one ward or department for several weeks, and in the course of a year has studied surgical, medical, and obstetrical nursing, and also the preparation of special dishes suitable for invalids and convalescents. Symptom records are kept which enable the physician to ascertain the varied phases of the disease since he last saw the patient.

At the close of the year of study the nurse has a vacation of one month, and then returns to take for five months such cases of private practice as shall be assigned to her. Her home is in the hospital when her services are not called for elsewhere, and the school pays for all the nurses there in excess of the number allowed.

There have been thirty-three nurses connected with the school during the past year. Seven have graduated, six are ready for cases of private practice, fourteen are pursuing their studies, five failed to give satisfaction during the month of probation, and one left on account of illness.

The hospital authorities appreciate most highly the advantages of having this school established here. Those who enter it either have a special gift for nursing, or with a true spirit of self-sacrifice have devoted themselves to the noble work of

ministering to others, consequently the duties of that department are performed more faithfully and more skillfully than in former years when it was thought that strength was the only requisite in a nurse.

Those wishing to receive this course of instruction must apply to the Secretary of the Society, when, if approved by the Executive Committee, they will be accepted as pupils in the hospital. The candidates must be over twenty and under forty years of age, and must present a certificate from a clergyman and physician as to their good moral character and sound health. They will be received for one month on probation and without compensation.

Information concerning the School will be furnished by the President, Vice President, or other members of the Executive Committee.

The Fall Term of the School begins October 1st, the Spring Term April 1st. Pupils are received from any State.

Applications for admission should be made as early as possible before the commencement of the terms, to the Secretary, Miss Betts, 37 Hillhouse avenue, New Haven.

Physicians or others in any part of the state desiring to secure the services of trained nurses for men or women, medical or surgical patients, should apply by telegraph or letter, stating the nature of the case, to the Superintendent of Nursing, New Haven Hospital.

The price per week for the services of a trained nurse is \$12.00, unless two members of the family are ill at the same time, when there will be a slight additional charge. It can not be too strongly impressed upon the public that it is surer economy, and safer for the patient, to employ a reliable nurse, rather than to indulge in a natural but misplaced sentiment, which sacrifices the strength of an entire family to the care of one invalid member.

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